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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM -- MARCH 22 MEETING  
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUSTRIA, TURKEY AND HUNGARY ADDRESSED AM  
MARCH 22 MEETING OF COMMITTEE. AUSTRIA RECOGNIZED LEGITIMACY  
OF AIMS OF CERTAIN GROUPS THAT RESORT TO TERRORISM, BUT  
SAID THAT USE OF TERRORISM TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS WAS  
INAPPROPRIATE, CRIMINAL, AND CONTRARY TO HUMANITARIAN CON-  
SIDERATIONS. SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL OF DELEGATE OF SWEDEN  
TO DELMIT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM BY IDENTIFYING PARTICULARLY  
ODIOUS TERRORIST ACTS. TURKEY MADE STRONG INTERVENTION CON-  
DEMNING TERRORISM AND CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION.  
STRESSED THAT LEGITIMATE DESIRE TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE  
CAUSES OF TERRORISM SHOULD NOT INHIBIT PRESENT WORK ON  
MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM. HUNGARY, FIRST EE COUNTRY TO  
ADDRESS COMMITTEE, CONDEMNED INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM BUT  
SAID THAT DEFINITION OF TERRORISM, IDENTIFICATION OF CAUSES  
OF TERRORISM, AND MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM WERE  
INSEPARABLE PARTS OF PROBLEM. ALSO CONDEMNED "STATE  
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TERRORISM" OF RACIST, IMPERIALIST AND COLONIAL  
REGIMES AND AFFIRMED RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO STRUGGLE FOR  
SELF-DETERMINATION. AS OTHER STATES WERE NOT  
INSCRIBED TO SPEAK, CHAIRMAN CANCELLED PM MARCH 22  
AND AM MARCH 23 MEETINGS. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED BUREAU  
OF COMMITTEE MEET BEFORE PM MARCH 23 MEETING TO DISCUSS  
HOW COMMITTEE WILL END ITS WORK AND MEETING ADJOURNED.

WEO GROUP THEN MET TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION. IN AFTERNOON US-UK PREPARED DRAFT STATEMENT FOR CHAIRMAN TO USE TO CONCLUDE WORK OF COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. AUSTRIA, TURKEY AND HUNGARY ADDRESSED AM MARCH 22 MEETING OF COMMITTEE. AUSTRIA STRESSED ITS CONCERN WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM BUT NOTED THAT IT HAD OPPOSED RECONVENING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF POORLY-WORDED MANDATE. SUPPORTED PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF ALL CONFLICTS AND THEREFORE OPPOSED TERRORISM. SAID TERRORISM NOT ONLY ENDANGERS LIVES BUT ALSO JEOPARDIZES PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND INFRINGES ON RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF STATE WHOSE NATIONALS ARE TERRORIZED. ALTHOUGH AUSTRIA RECOGNIZED THE LEGITIMACY OF SOME OF THE GOALS OF SOME GROUPS WHICH RESORT TO TERRORISM, SAID THAT TERRORISM WAS AN IN-APPROPRIATE AND CRIMINAL MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS. SAID IT WOULD BE HYPOCRITICAL NOT TO SUPPORT STUDY OF CAUSES OF TERRORISM, BUT SAID THIS SHOULD NOT DELAY WORK ON MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM. SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT UN MIGHT DO THE FOLLOWING: ADOPT THE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY SWEDEN (REFTEL) TO IDENTIFY PARTICULARLY ODIIOUS TYPES OF TERRORISM SO THAT CONVENTIONS COULD BE DRAFTED TO PROHIBIT THEM; DRAFT A MASS-MEDIA CODE OF HONOR IN SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND EQUALITY OF PEOPLE AND RESTRICTING THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE TO BE GIVEN TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS; FORMULATE ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO WORLD PROBLEMS; ENCOURAGE RATIFICATION

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OF EXISTING CONVENTIONS AND DRAFTING OF NEW ONES.

3. TURKEY MADE VERY STRONG STATEMENT CONDEMNING TERRORISM AND CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT IT. URGED STATES TO SET ASIDE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND SHORT-TERM INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF RESPECT OF BASIC RIGHTS. URGED ACCESSION TO AND SUPPORT OF EXISTING CONVENTIONS. CALLED FOR A DEFINITION OF TERRORISM. STRESSED THAT WORK ON TERRORISM SHOULD NOT INFRINGE ON THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AS SET FORTH IN UN CHARTER AND SAID THAT "ABOVE ALL" CAUSES MUST BE STUDIED. HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT STUDY OF CAUSES SHOULD NOT DELAY FORMULATION OF MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM. SAID TERRORISM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A CRIME AGAINST MANKIND AND BE SUBJECT OF A MULTILATERAL CONVENTION. SAID FAILURE OF UN TO ACT ON THIS PROBLEM WAS DISCREDIT TO THE ORGANIZATION.

4. HUNGARY, FIRST EE STATE TO JOIN IN GENERAL DEBATE,

CONDEMNED TERRORISM BECAUSE IT ENDANGERED LIFE AND ALSO THREATENED RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. SAID THAT DEFINITION OF TERRORISM, CAUSES OF TERRORISM, AND MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM ARE INSEPARABLE AND INTER-RELATED ISSUES, THE CORE OF WHICH IS CAUSES. OPPOSED ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT INFRINGE ON LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF PERSONS UNDER COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES TO STRUGGLE FOR THEIR FREEDOM. SUPPORTED THE CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORISM PRACTICED BY RACIST, IMPERIALIST, AND COLONIAL REGIMES, SUCH AS PRACTICED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SUPPORTED THE EXISTING CONVENTIONS RELATING TO PROTECTION OF CIVIL AVIATION AND PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. CALLED FOR APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEASURES.

5. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT NO SPEAKERS WERE INSCRIBED TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE AT PM MARCH 22 OR AM MARCH 23 MEETINGS. (US AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER WEO'S WERE PREPARED TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, WE AND OTHERS DECIDED IT WAS BETTER TO DEALY DELIVERY OF OUR STATEMENTS UNTIL WE LEARNED PLANS OF OTHER GROUPS, PARTICULARLY AFRICANS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVENING OF THIS SESSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE.)

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6. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT PM MARCH 22 AND AM MARCH 23 MEETINGS BE CANCELLED AND THAT ANY MEMBER WISHING TO ENTER GENERAL DEBATE DO SO AT PM MARCH 23 MEETING. ONLY JAPAN AND US HAVE OFFICIALLY INSCRIBED THEMSELVES TO SPEAK. CHAIRMAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU MEET JUST PRIOR TO PM MARCH 23 MEETING TO DISCUSS CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. COMMITTEE ADOPTED CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSALS AND THEN ADJOURNED.

7. IMMEDIATELY AFTER AM MEETING, WEO GROUP DISCUSSED CONCLUSION OF WORK OF COMMITTEE. WEO'S FIRST DECIDED THAT EVEN IF OTHER GROUPS DO NOT ADDRESS COMMITTEE IN GENERAL DEBATE, EACH WEO STATE SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT IF IT SO DESIRES. GROUP DECISION WAS BASED ON DESIRE TO HAVE WESTERN POSITION FIRMLY ON RECORD AND FOR DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS. US, UK, FRANCE, CANAD, GREECE AND ITALY ALL INDICATED THEY WOULD SPEAK.

8. WEO GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED WAYS TO CONCLUDE WORK OF COMMITTEE. POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED INCLUDED A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR, AS WAS DONE BY THE 1973 SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, AND A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. GROUP AGAIN STRESSED THAT PRIMARY CONFIDENTIAL

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GOAL OF WEO'S AT THIS SESSION IS TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION THAT MIGHT POISON ATMOSPHERE FOR THE HOSTAGES COMMITTEE. THEREFORE, GROUP DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD NOT SEEK A RESOLUTION SINCE THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY PRODUCE CONFRONTATION OVER CAUSES OF TERRORISM, STATE TERRORISM, AND RIGHTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THEREFORE, STRONG PREFERENCE OF WEO'S IS FOR A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

9. WEO GROUP ALSO DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD PREPARE A CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION FOR USE ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT ANOTHER GROUP INTRODUCED AN UNPALATABLE RESOLUTION. IF ANY RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED, IT WAS THOUGHT ADVISABLE TO HAVE A WEO DRAFT FROM WHICH TO NEGOTIATE.

10. US AND UK MET PM MARCH 22 TO DRAFT A STATEMENT FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND A CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION. WEO GROUP WILL MEET AM MARCH 23 TO CONSIDER DRAFT STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN AND INSTRUCT PERSSON (SWEDEN) ON POSITION TO TAKE IN BUREAU CONSULTATIONS ON CONCLUSION OF WORK. US AND UK DECIDED NOT TO CIRCULATE TO WEO GROUP AT THIS TIME THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. PROPOSED DRAFT TEXTS FOLLOW:

A) "THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM HELD

A GENERAL DEBATE ON THE SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN ITS MANDATE. THE VIEWS OF THE DELEGATIONS ARE SET OUT IN THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SESSION. THE DEBATE REVEALED THAT THERE IS UNANIMOUS CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM BUT ALSO THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD PROCEED AGAINST THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM.

FOR (ONE) (SOME) (CERTAIN) DELEGATION(S), THE MAIN PROBLEM LAY IN THE CAUSES OF TERRORISM. MANY DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE CAUSES

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OF TERRORISM COULD PROFITABLY BE STUDIED, EMPHASIZED THAT IF THE UNITED NATIONS WAS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE, AS IN THE PAST, ON SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF ACTS WHICH THREATENED THE LIVES OR SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS AND TO EVOLVE PRACTICAL INTERNATIONAL, AND CONCERTED NATIONAL, ACTION TO DEAL WITH THESE CATEGORIES OF ACTS. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STATES BECOMING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTIONS WHICH ALREADY HAVE BEEN DRAFTED FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THEY WERE THREATENED."

B) PROPOSED RESOLUTION: THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

"CONSIDERING THE COMMON DANGER POSED BY INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM,

RECALLING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH AFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND SECURITY OF PERSON,

AWARE OF THE COMPLEX NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND THE VARIETY OF CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM,

RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD:

1. CONDEMN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS;
2. CONSIDER THE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO FUTURE ACTION WHICH COULD BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM;

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3. ENCOURAGE THE RELEVANT ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE STUDY AND ELIMINATION OF THE CAUSES OF TERRORISM, INCLUDING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE;

4. URGE STATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WHICH RELATE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM;

5. URGE STATES TO TAKE NATIONAL MEASURES TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, AND IN THIS REGARD TO CONSIDER THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE COMMITTEE CONCERNING POSSIBLE NATIONAL MEASURES;

6. ENCOURAGE STATES TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.  
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